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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES HIGHLIGHTS OF NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT NATO HEADQUARTERS (OCTOBER 1-2). NEW NATO ASYG OZDAS MADE IMPRESSIVE DEBUT AS CHAIRMAN. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGENDA WERE FOR MOST PART ACCEPTED, WITH EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW. COMMITTEE REVIEWED WORK OF SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS, AND AGREED TO CREATE NEW MARINE SCIENCES PANEL AND TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER, BUT DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING PROPOSED BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER PANEL UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE. COMMITTEE DECLINED ENDORSE PROPOSALS BY SYSTEMS SCIENCES AND RADIOMETEOROLOGY PANELS TO HIRE CONSULTANTS. DETAILS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. NEW NATO ASYG FOR SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, PROF. NIMET OZDAS, CHAIRING HIS FIRST NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING, PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE, SENSITIVE AND DECISIVE CHAIRMAN WHO WAS CONGRATULATED BY MANY DELEGATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF HIS FIRST MEETING  
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AND WAS ROUNDLY APPLAUDED AT CONCLUSION.

2. FIRST DAY WAS SPENT IN SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S FIRST OVERALL REVIEW OF THE SIX SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS.

PRESENTATION BY EACH PANEL CHAIRMAN AND INTERROGATION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WAS INNOVATION RESULTING FROM LAST YEAR'S REORGANIZATION OF NATO SCIENCE SUBORDINATE BODIES.

3. COMMITTEE HOWEVER FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO THE SEVERAL PANELS, LARGELY BECAUSE PANELS HAD NOT YET CLEARLY DEVELOPED THEIR PROGRAMS OR GAINED SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO INDICATE NEED FOR COMMITTEE INTERVENTION. COMMITTEE AGREED FOR PRESENT TO "GIVE PANELS THEIR HEADS" TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO FURTHER WITHIN SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE HAD LAID DOWN A YEAR AGO. NEXT REVIEW OF PANELS' PERFORMANCE WOULD NORMALLY OCCUR IN FALL OF 1974 AT WHICH TIME COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ASSESS EFFECTIVENESS OF PANELS' PROGRAMS.

4. SYSTEMS SCIENCES PANEL RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION WITH CONCERN EXPRESSED BY NUMBER OF DELEGATES AS TO BROAD SCOPE AND GOALS IT HAD ESTABLISHED FOR ITSELF. COMMITTEE ENJOINED THE PANEL TO DEFINE A FEW SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT WOULD HAVE RELEVANCE FOR NATO COUNTRIES BUT AGREED TO LEAVE TO PANEL THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT SUCH PROJECTS MIGHT BE.

5. COMMITTEE DID NOT AUTHORIZE HIRING OF CONSULTANTS AS PROPOSED BY PANELS ON SYSTEMS SCIENCES AND RADIOMETEOROLOGY. COMMITTEE DID NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO USE OF COUNSULTANTS, BUT DID NOT AGREE WITH PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT PARTICULAR TASKS SUGGESTED SHOULD BE PLACED IN HAND OF CONSULTANTS.

6. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION FOR CONFERENCE ON BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER BUT DECIDED TO POSTPONE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL PANEL ON UNCLASSIFIED

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BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER, PREFERRING TO AWAIT RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE BEFORE DETERMINING NEED FOR PANEL. COMMITTEE WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT OCEANOGRAPHY SHOULD REMAIN STRONG ELEMENT OF ITS PROGRAM, AND IT APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE SCIENCES PANEL.

7. ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ALLOCATE TO PROGRAM PLANNING FUND FOR THE TIME BEING THE FUNDS TENTATIVELY EARMARKED FOR MARINE SCIENCES (DURING ITS ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE) AND PROPOSED BENTHIC BOUNDARY PANELS UNTIL THEY HAD BETTER BASIS ON WHICH TO MAKE APPORTIONMENT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

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8. COMMITTEE SELECTED NEW MEMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS WITHOUT CONTROVERSY. NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE AN ICELANDER ON ECO-SCIENCES PANEL, THE FIRST PANEL MEMBERSHIP FOR AN ICELANDIC SCIENTIST. PROF. DEBONS OF US WAS NAMED TO ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES PANEL. IN CANDID ASSESSMENT OF NAMES PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT IN AC/137-WP/80 FOR PANEL MEMBERSHIP, THE GREEK AND TURKISH DELEGATES INDICATED TO COMMITTEE THAT THE CANDIDATES (ONE EACH) OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONALITIES WERE NOT OF CALIBER REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

9. COMMITTEE DECLINED ENGAGE IN EXAMINATION OF PAPER ON FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH SUBMITTED BY RESEARCH GRANTS PANEL. SOME MEMBERS NOTED THAT SCIENCE POLICY QUESTIONS WERE ADEQUATELY TREATED IN OECD AND WERE NOT HISTORICALLY A PART OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE PURVIEW. IT WAS ALSO GENERALLY AGREED THAT PAPER DID NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION.

10. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED FEBRUARY 5-6, 1974 AND MAY 27-28, 1974 AS DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS AND ACCEPTED INVITATION OF CANADA TO MEET IN OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 24, 25 AND 26, 1974.

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11. UPON COMPLETION OF AGENDA, THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG ALL DELEGATIONS THAT THIS WAS VERY FRUITFUL MEETING HIGHLIGHTED BY CANDID AND SPIRITED EXCHANGE WITH ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS

PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN DISCUSSIONS. PROGRAM  
BUDGET AND POLICY DECISIONS WERE BY AND LARGE RESERVED  
FOR FEBRUARY MEETING AT WHICH TIME IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT OZDAS WILL HAVE COMPLETED A NUMBER OF VISITS  
TO NATO CAPITALS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL  
DELEGATES, THUS PROVIDING A BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND FURTHER DISCUSSION ON MOST USEFUL EMPHASIS FOR THE  
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